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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO LAOS

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1. EMBASSY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE
FOR PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION AIRCRAFT TO STOP OVER IN
BANGKOK MAR. 19-21, AS INSTURCTED IN REFTEL.

2. UPI CORRESPONDENT IN BANGKOK, ALAN DAWSON, TALKED
TO EMBOFF MAR 14 AND TOLD HIM HE HAD HEARD PRESIDENTIAL
COMMISSION WOULD BE SPENDING COMING WEEKEND IN BANGKOK,
ARRIVING MAR 19 AT 1100 AND LEAVING FOLLOWING DAY FOR
VIENTIANE. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT SCHEDULE FOR
COMMISSION WAS STILL NOT RPT NOT FIRMED UP AFTER HANOI.
DAWSON SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDED
THIS INFO OFF THE RECORD TO NEWSMEN (INCLUDING UPI) WHO
WILL BE GOING TO HANOI.

3. AS SOME VERSION OF THIS REPORT MIGHT BEGIN TO SPREAD
IN BANGKOK, ON AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS EMBOFF MAR 14
CONTACTED SAWANIT KONGSIRI, SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION CHIEF
IN MFA, TOLD HIM OF ABOVE PRESS INFO, AND STATED THAT
COMMISSION WAS NOT RPT NOT COMING TO BANGKOK. EMBOFF

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ADDED THAT WE WOULD BE SENDING NOTE TODAY, REQUESTING
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR COMMISSION AIRCRAFT. SAWANIT
SAID HE WOULD ALERT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARANCE
AND INDICATED HE ANTICIPATED NO RPT NO PROBLEM ABOUT
CLEARANCE. SAWANIT ASKED WHOM PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
WOULD BE MEETING WITH IN HANOI AND VIENTIANE. EMBOFF
REPLIED WE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW BUT ASSUMED IT WOULD BE

SENIOR GOVERNMENT FIGURES. SAWANIT EXPRESSED HIS THANKS
FOR INFORMATION PROVIDED.
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